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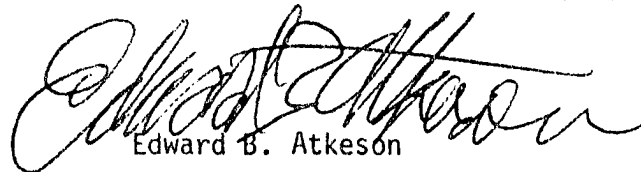
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SUBJECT : Analysis of Future Contingencies ☐

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There is a wide variety of contingencies which could impact on general purpose force balances in various parts of the world. Of greatest interest, of course, would be those most likely to affect US force structure, deployments or employment. Others are of interest because of their potential impact on the security of US friends or allies or upon US military aid programs. The attached list describes a number of contingencies which we believe merit analytical examination in 1983. As personnel and funding resources are identified during the year, we propose to undertake brief assessments of the principal ramifications which each may entail. If the need for greater analytic effort is suggested following such review, we will initiate appropriate action. ☐

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Contingencies, 1983 and Beyond, Affecting NIO/GPF
Areas of Concern

USSR-Eastern Europe

• Marshal Ustinov's influence increases the military's role in the Politburo with a consequent hardening of positions relative to arms control and expansion in military procurement programs. Alternatively, continued economic decline leads to a struggle between the civil sector technocrats and the military and increases the possibility that Andropov will announce large-scale military cutbacks.

• Economic collapse in Romania leads to internal disorder and removal of Ceaucescu. A Soviet-sponsored successor regime reinstates Romania as a full military partner in the Warsaw Pact.

• The Yugoslav government collapses and the Soviets make an attempt to increase their influence through direct (military?) support of one of the warring factions.

• The "Polish disease" infects other NSWP states and internal disorder mounts.

• The Soviets demonstrate, for the first time, an effective broad area ocean submarine detection capability which directly threatens US SSBNs.

Far East - East Asia

• The Soviets reach agreement with the PRC on a mutual reduction of forces along the Sino-Soviet border. Forces withdrawn will be redeployed elsewhere in the USSR.

• A Chinese SLBM becomes operational as the Chinese begin to increase the operating area for their SSBNs. US is faced with the problem of redirecting naval forces to monitor PRC SSBN movements.

• The fire-power and mobility gap between North and South Korea increases as new North Korean units and equipment are introduced. At what level of increased capability do these

developments represent an unacceptable level of risk in terms of US reinforcement capabilities and requirements?

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Southwest Asia - Middle East

- The Soviets greatly increase "hot pursuit" of rebel Afghan forces over Afghan borders into Pakistan, increasing the prospects for destabilization of Pakistan government control.

- Following the death of Khomeini and destabilization in Iran, the Soviets begin a major military buildup along the Soviet/Iran border and initiate limited cross-border operations to secure a buffer zone.

- The Soviets secure a major military basing agreement (port facilities and air bases) with Libya and/or Syria and deploy tactical air units for "advisory/training" duties, enhancing Soviet capability to provide air support to naval and amphibious forces operating in the Mediterreanean.

Latin America

- The Soviets substantially improve Cuban air defense forces and capabilities [redacted] The Cubans announce that air-space violations by reconnaissance aircraft will be met with force.

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